



Trinity College University of Glasgow



Zoominar: March 9, 12.15-2pm

MISSION PLANNING: LEARNING, QUESTIONS, CHALLENGES

For those of us in the Church of Scotland, it would be hard to find a corner of the land where 'mission planning' is not the agenda. Since the decisions of the last General Assemblies and the crises of Covid, the move to a rationalisation of recognised ministries, consolidation of Presbyteries and the radical readjustments of parishes and buildings is no longer a matter of debated reports and deliverances, and is now happening. How to operationalise the direction taken and how to most of all, implement strategies that release mission, and mobilise congregation, leaders and vocations is consuming the energies and focus of those responsible. Real questions remain as to whether there are incompatible policy goals emerging, whether the process design has created a recipe for endless conflict and legal disputes, and whether being bound to a centralised solidarity model of rationing ministries will stymie innovation and creativity at parish and Presbytery levels. Hanging over this is the question of whether institutional recalibration, necessary as it may be, is still too captive to a survival imagination, rather than a mission imagination and the deeper culture changes needed.

Join us and our panellists for this Zoominar where we explore the learnings so far, and the larger and deeper questions we need to be asking.

The College is delighted to welcome:

- Rev Dr Frances Henderson (Transition Minister for the Shetland Isles Parish, Former Assistant Principal and Theology Lecturer at New College, Edinburgh)
- Mr Andy Brookes (Organisational change consultant to the Church of England. Former General Secretary & CEO of the London Diocese)
- Rev Mike S Goss (Parish Minister, Barry I/w Carnoustie Church of Scotland, Angus Presbytery Clerk 2009–2017, and Convenor of the Presbytery Mission Planning Implementation Group)
- Rev Dr Doug Gay (Principal of Trinity College, Glasgow, Lecturer in Practical Theology at the University of Glasgow, Author of "Reforming the Kirk" 2017)

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